

Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program feasibility study

Sedgwick County, KS (fiscal agent). This funding is for a feasibility study on whether an Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program in the Wichita area should be established. "The goals of such a program would be to increase the oral health care workforce for the state of Kansas and to increase access to oral health care by currently underserved populations," according to a fact sheet. There is no dental school in Kansas; however, because there is a demand among dental graduates for such a residency program, it might attract more dentists to Kansas, Debbie Donaldson, division director of human services for Sedgwick County, explained to *Health Affairs*. The county, on behalf of [Oral Health Kansas](#), commissioned the study. The AEGD program would provide dental school graduates with a year of advanced training. For example, it could provide instruction in "pediatric dentistry [and] difficult cases," according to the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund's November 2005 newsletter. Triangle Associates, a consulting firm based in St. Louis, is doing the study, which is expected to be completed by late December 2005. The United Way of the Plains is a cofunder of the study.

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